

Fahrenheit 451—Critical Thinking Questions (Pages 1-28)

(Beginning of book up to the paragraph that begins with “One two three four five six seven days.”)

Scavenger Hunt of Details & Support:

1. List & briefly explain at least 3 “Futuristic Features” that demonstrate the “futuristic” setting of this novel *(the time period that the characters are living in)*. Record page numbers too.

2. List & briefly explain at least 2 details from the text that demonstrates the influence of our author’s 1950s setting *(the time period when the book was written)*. Record page numbers too.

3. Make an educated guess about the meaning of the following two symbols so far. Briefly explain your reasoning.
 - a. Salamander

 - b. Phoenix

4. Using text for support (with page numbers), explain how Clarisse (and her family) seems “different” from most others.

5. *Why* do you think Montag is “not happy”? Briefly explain using textual support.

OAA Practice:

6. Find at least one passage in our reading so far (spoken by any character or narrator) that you think BEST represents the theme of this book (censorship & ignorance of knowledge) and/or our author’s social commentary. *(Social commentary is defined as a stated or implied comment or opinion about one’s society; what he/she thinks is good or “wrong” about it.)*

Directly quote the passage, list its page number, explain what the passage meant for the book and briefly explain HOW it represents the theme and/or the author’s opinion. (4 points)

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7. Using sensory detail, describe the Mechanical Hound. Refer to Montag's thoughts and the narrator's details for guidance. Note page numbers as you go along for easy reference later.

8. Draw another web like the one we did on the board together earlier this week. Add more to it, now that you've learned even more about Montag, Clarisse, Mildred, where Montag lives, where he works, and who he works with. Choose from one of the statements below to start with—after you've chosen one, copy it into the circle and begin drawing your web off of it. . *Do your best!* ☺

Beginning statements to choose from:

Books are bad.

Knowledge is dangerous.

"Are you happy?"

Technology takes away from human connections.

"You think too many things"

"It doesn't like or dislike. It just 'functions'"

